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Charleston City Council to Meet Telephonically at 4:30 p.m.

Charleston, S.C.—At 4:30 p.m. today, Charleston City Council will meet telephonically to vote on an ordinance that formally declares a state of emergency in the city of Charleston due to yesterday's winter storm event. The ordinance authorizes Mayor John Tecklenburg, in consultation with public safety officials, to take actions that might be required to protect public health and safety until the situation returns to normal.

City spokesman Jack O'Toole said, "This authority is being considered as a precautionary measure only. At the present time, the city has no plan to impose curfews, travel restrictions, or any other emergency prohibitions. That said, we continue to strongly advise our citizens to avoid unnecessary travel until the roads are clear and conditions have returned to normal."

The language of the proposed ordinance is attached <u>here</u>.

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